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Dr. R.L. Sager: 1903-1982

Editor's Note:

Dr. R.L. Sager, headmaster of Montgomery Bell Academy from 1944 to 1957, died on March 28 at the age of 79. Dr. Sager came to MBA from McCallie, replacing Coach Howard Allen, who had been interim Headmaster in 1943. He remained at MBA as a math teacher until his retirement in 1971.

Former students remember him fondly. "I always thought quite well of him," said Dr. Richard N. Porter, a 1950 graduate. "He had a keen sense of humor, a wry wit. He was a brilliant math teacher; in fact, I don't know that I've ever had a better math teacher." John E. Sloan, Jr., a 1954 graduate, recalled with a chuckle Dr. Sager's reaction to an unauthorized publication which appeared on the study hall desks one morning: "By the end of assembly, Mrs. Lowry had figured out from the style of writing who the perpetrator was. So Dr. Sager called him in and asked him if it was really his intention to graduate from Hillsboro."

Faculty members who served under Dr. Sager also recall him warmly. "He did an excellent job in backing his teachers and keeping discipline," said his friend James S. Rule, who taught math and coached Tennis from 1944 until 1970. Mr. Rule's assessment of Dr. Sager echoed that of many former students and teachers: "strict with both students and faculty, but fair."

The following statement is the tribute of another teacher who knew Dr. Sager well.

Remarks As a Tribute to Dr. Richard Lee Sager

By Mrs. Mary Helen Lowry
Emerson wrote that "an institution is the lengthened shadow of one man . . ." and that "all history revolves itself very easily into the biography of a few stout and earnest persons." MBA today is the lengthened shadow of many fine persons among whom is the late Dr. Richard Lee Sager, Headmaster 1944-1957.

Noteworthy of his personal traits was his courage to speak the truth as he saw it and the courage to make the changes that he felt were needed. He was a man of honor and integrity his special contributions being his actions toward instituting the Honor System of MBA and Totomoi. In addition to his emphasis upon honor, he was a remarkably self-reliant, independent individual, asking no favors from others and never emphasizing his importance as a person.

Among his customs and other activities as headmaster were the following. During the change of classes throughout the school day, he usually stood in the front hall near the stairway of the Ball Building, readily accessible to students and faculty alike, and using this opportunity to make needed corrections and to pass along compliments when deserved. For several years, he taught a class in The Bible and served as golf coach, believing that these activities kept him in track with the students. One of the highlights of assembly during his administration was his telling Bible stories. He possessed a unique gift for making them "come alive" as he injected them with realistic details and humorous additions. His recounting of the story



Dr. R.L. Sager: MBA Headmaster, 1944-1957.

of Samson and Delilah was a favorite. In this connection, he had a store of humorous anecdotes and a talent for telling them.

In later years, Dr. Sager taught mathematics and was acclaimed by many pupils as being one of the finest teachers they had ever had. He was thorough in his instruction and firm in his demands for work with the result that his pupils developed a high degree of respect for hard work and for him as a person.

One of the finest tributes I can pay to Dr. Sager is that people respected him for his insistence upon everyone's meeting his responsibilities, for his dedication to upholding strict discipline, for placing emphasis upon the fundamentals of real scholarship, and most importantly, for his unwavering adherence to truth and courage.

The 6th Annual MBA Prom

By Mark Oldham and Cannon Thomas

Last Saturday, April 24, the Junior Class sponsored its sixth annual MBA prom. The prom, succeeding in its usual splendor, was topped off by the excellent band Hot Tomata. This band has established a very noteworthy reputation by playing at Flannigans and numerous other spots about the city.

The night began with a junior-sponsored banquet for the seniors at the Belmont College Student Center. At 7:30 the students and their dates gathered in the Brownlee O. Currey Gymnasium for the presentation of the members of the Student Council, Honor Council, and Senior Class.

After the presentation, Hot Tomata provided the music and energy needed to get the students in a festive mood. After the dance the few people still on their feet went to the various breakfasts sponsored by the individual classes. Special



Several junior school students and their dates enjoy a slow dance at the prom.

thanks should go to Betty Brown and Ann Brothers for their great help in these events.

This year's prom certainly had as much character, if not more, than in other years generally because of

the entire student body's support. For this reason, if no other, the Junior-Senior prom, though still somewhat of a new event at MBA has a long and bright future ahead of it.

27% Tuition Raise: A Necessary Increase?

By Martin Brown

The MBA administration and Board of Trustees announced a 27% increase in annual tuition costs on February 25 in the acceptance letters for prospective students.

Will the new \$3170 rate limit the number of applicants to MBA,

thereby limiting the quality of the MBA students? To answer this question and reveal reasons for the raise, *The Bell Ringer* interviewed MBA Board of Trustees Chairman Joe C. Davis and Headmaster Gordon E. Bondurant.

Detailing the Board of Trust's part in the tuition raise, Mr. Davis said that the Board was instrumental in the decision to increase the tuition cost. When asked the reason for the raise, Davis replied, "It is to get the pay of the [MBA] teachers in line with the Metro teachers' pay. We hated to do it, but we thought we had to in order to maintain the quality of the school." *The Bell Ringer* then asked if a 27% increase would ever

occur again. Noting the impact of outside influences, Davis answered, "I hope it does not happen again, but it depends on inflation." "If tuition is raised next year, it will be a modest raise at best," he added.

In addition to interviewing Mr. Davis, *The Bell Ringer* questioned Headmaster Bondurant, who justified the increase as a necessity. "We had not, in the last five years, been increasing tuitions at the rate of operational cost increases," he stated. Denying that operational costs include any facet of the 7.5 million dollar fundraising campaign, Bondurant asserted, "Not a penny of tuition funds will go for construction of new buildings."

Mr. Bondurant hopes the tuition increase will not lessen the number of students interested in attending MBA. He admitted, "One never knows the extent to which tuition limits applicants. There is that

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Composition Red and Green: The 1982 Arts Festival

By Cannon Thomas

Last week MBA and Harpeth Hall combined forces to bring together a week long program celebrating the fine arts.

The program started Friday, April 16, with the play *The Curious Savage* put on by Harpeth Hall's drama club with students from both schools participating. The play, which was repeated the next night, was very successful. It was even said that the set was probably the best ever made for a Harpeth Hall play.

On that Saturday, Harpeth Hall opened their portion of the MBA-Harpeth Hall art exhibit. MBA's opening was last Wednesday. Student art works from both schools were included in the exhibits. All mediums from life-size plaster sculptures to acrylic paintings were used.

Monday the festivities continued with two famous movies brought in for the occasion. The first, *The Creature from the Black Lagoon*, was one of the few three dimensional movies created in the 1950's to compete with the rise of television. *The African Queen*, an Academy Award-winning movie starring Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart, followed. However, some people had such bad headaches from the three dimensional movie that they could

not enjoy the second feature.

Other festivities during the week included the AFS Desert Fest and a joint chorus recital at MBA. The Desert Fest, Monday night at Harpeth Hall, was put on by the AFS foreign exchange program at Harpeth Hall to raise money to support the organization. Desserts from various countries were served to the public for a small fee. The joint chorus program was an exceptional performance, if not the best ever put on by either of the groups. Special thanks must go to Mr. Gerald Arthur, Mrs. Ray Berry, and Mrs. Marion Ross for the work they put into this program.

On Wednesday night the grand finale arrived with the MBA-Harpeth Hall talent show. Acts from both schools were included, though there were more Harpeth Hall participants. The performance was high-lighted by the Weights and Agilities ballet performance, as well as the faculty skit in which David Wood played the banjo and Gordon Bondurant showed his musical talents on the washtub bass.

Judging from this year's very successful program, Composition Red and Green possibly has a very long future ahead of it. The week seems to strengthen bonds between the two schools in a healthy way that will hopefully continue for many years to come.

The Red Scare at MBA

By Martin Brown

In the 1950's, MBA nearly dropped the nickname "Big Red" and formed an anti-Socialist, anti-Communist organization known as the Freedom Forum as two reactions to the Red Scare.

Spurred on by the USA-USSR Cold War and Red China, US citizens led by Senator Joseph McCarthy launched an attack on Communism in America. This Red Scare led to many unnecessary resignations of officials who were persecuted in the infamous "Black List." In 1952, Senator McCarthy resigned after falsely accusing several US Congressmen of being Communists. The Red Scare lost its importance slowly, but the Communist threat continued to affect many American institutions including MBA.

Before the Red Scare, MBA shared the nickname "Big Red" equally with "Maroons." By 1954, however, "Maroons" was mentioned almost three times as much as "Big Red" in a typical *Bell Ringer* sports section (April issue: Vol. 10, No. 3). After the Red Scare, "Big Red" was used more often than "Maroons" as the second issue of *The Bell Ringer* in 1958 shows.

The most significant result of the Red Scare at MBA was the formation of the Freedom Forum. Existing at MBA from 1952-1958, the forum is defined in the 1954 issue of *The Bell* as "... a panel symposium [that] attacks Communism and Socialism and emphasizes the American Way of Life."

After a patriotic assembly in 1952 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Norton Campbell created the six-member forum, a group that gained attention immediately. In 1954, the organization won its first of three George Washington Honor Medals from the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. In the first two years, the Freedom Forum read scripts prepared by Mrs. Campbell at fifteen high schools, five business organizations, and several men's church groups. So successful was the forum that in 1956, "Mr. Ben Crump, president of the Nashville Shrine Club, said, 'I don't believe we have had any program which brought more favorable comment than this one'" (*The Bell Ringer*, Vol. 13, No. 2). At this time, Nashville Mayor Ben West presented Mrs. Campbell with the "Key to the City" for her

part in the organization.

By 1956, MBA had also founded a Junior Freedom Forum. *The Bell Ringer* detailed its purpose in the following statement: "The members of the Junior Forum, all juniors, are striving to impress on the public's minds the necessity of preserving our freedom by waging a continuous fight against Communism" (Vol. 13, No. 2).

The members of the Freedom Forum were student leaders and excellent speakers. Loyal to our school, many members were tapped for Totomoi, MBA's honorary fraternity; and five former members have sons currently enrolled at MBA. The following list includes all Freedom Forum participants:

1952-54—Jimmy Dale, Duncan Callicott, Rob Lightfoot, John Hardcastle, John Sloan, Steve Wood, and Seavell Brandau.

1955—Edward Blank, Ed Holt, Tommy Frist, George Sloan, Jim Rule, and Dick Sager.

1956—Tommy Frist, Dick Sager, Jim Rule, Jim Perry, Dick Sobel, and Harry Lawson.

1957—Walter Bearden, Wade Elam, Ransom White, Jodie Wallace, Bill Lightfoot, and George Sloan.

1958—Ira Parker, Tommy Murphree, John Dale, Bill Barr, Ben Mayes, and George McGugin.

To shed more light on the Freedom Forum, *The Bell Ringer* interviewed its advisor Mrs. Campbell, the former MBA librarian who affirms the belief that the organization was not too radical in its fight against Communism. Mrs. Campbell maintained that the formation of the Freedom Forum at



The Father-Son Banquet

Dr. Harold Crowell joins another MBA father at the Father-Son Banquet on April 15. Vanderbilt basketball coach C.M. Newton was the guest speaker at the annual event.

MBA was not a direct result of McCarthyism and the Red Scare. Explaining the purpose of the Freedom Forum presentations, Mrs. Campbell stated, "Their purpose was not directly to attack Communism and Socialism. I had two boys on either side [of the stage] and a chairman who talked about Democracy versus Communism and the evil effects of Communism." Asked whether the organization was directed by her or the students, Mrs. Campbell replied, "I started it, and I engineered it." "I gathered the material for the speeches, and the boys memorized them like declarations," she added. When asked about the forum's apparent political overtones, Mrs. Campbell responded, "The Freedom Forum had a patriotic, rather than a

political, tone. If the emphasis had not been on freedom and patriotism, MBA would not have received the awards from Valley Forge." Asked why the Freedom Forum disbanded in 1958, Mrs. Campbell answered, "It ended because of the change in [the school's] administration. Mr. Carter wanted to replace the Freedom Forum with debate teams."

Mr. Frank Novak also commented about the Freedom Forum. A new teacher when the organization was formed, Novak believed its members were all outstanding boys. When asked if he considered it a political group, Novak stated, "I never saw anything radical in it although sometimes people say radical things without your knowing it."

Thus, for observers of the Freedom Forum, two interpretations of the organization are evident. One can view its members as patriotic student leaders who were only interested in improving their oratorical skills or as teenagers manipulated by a popular and powerful reactionary political movement. Regardless of opinion, one must realize the Freedom Forum existed in the tumultuous, unpredictable Cold War period.

Ian Jones

The 1982-83 Newspaper Editors



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Dear Editor:

On behalf of myself and the entire soccer team, I would like to convey my thanks to Paul Kornman for managing the team for the past three years. Throughout this period, Paul has worked, largely unassisted, helping Coach Lanier with the daily practice routine. Paul often stays well past the end of practice to make sure everything has been done. On game days he

spends every available free period lining the field. Paul is one of the team's biggest fans, and this year, even though he was entitled to a season off, he managed cross country and spent the winter and spring seasons helping with soccer. Paul is entitled a credit to the team and to MBA.

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Harpeth Plaza

English Conservative Clarke at Assembly

By Mark Oldham

In the past, it has seemed that MBA had very ordinary and sometimes boring assembly speakers. Tuesday, March 30, the school was offered a change of pace with an amusing and enlightening speech by British economist Peter Clarke. Mr. Clarke, educated at Yorkshire University, is a conservative economist who is currently

touring the United States speaking out on the evils of socialism.

Mr. Clarke began his speech by humorously ridiculing Americans, using such terms as "Yankies" and "Coke-high" to describe our population. He then became more serious. Mr. Clarke explained that Americans do not realize the wealth and freedom that they actually have. He said that the people of the United Kingdom are now suffering from the flaws of a socialistic state.

Mr. Clarke gave examples to emphasize his point about the hardships a socialistic government impresses upon its people. For instance, people throughout the United Kingdom are virtually told where they will live, rather than

having the freedom of choice. He then pointed out that since one is delegated more benefits by having more offspring, "Our people copulate to please the housing authorities." Another area in which the British are repressed is in the fast food business. Clarke said the socialist government is so structured that the country is not even allowed a McDonalds.

The economist ended his speech by emphasizing that one cannot appreciate the freedom we have in America until he sees what a socialist country is actually like. One may or may not agree with Mr. Clarke, but one can safely say that the assembly program provided stimulating and interesting food for thought for the student body.



The nurse (Beth Thompson) makes a point to Fairy May (Allison White) and Hannibal (Seth Sharpe) in the Arts Festival production of *The Curious Savage*.

Quiz Bowl Results

By Lyn Robbins

On the weekend of March 26 and 27, a valiant comeback attempt at the Tennessee State Quiz Bowl by the MBA team fell short as the team finished a respectable third. Facing almost certain elimination after opening round losses to Ryan and Hillwood, the team rebounded with a record-setting three straight 200-point victories over East, St. Bernard's, and Stratford; then, to determine whether or not they would qualify for elimination playoffs, the team defeated a tough Hillsboro team 145-125. Next, however, MBA lost to eventual champion Hillwood in the semi-final round.

The team was made up of sophomores Ransom Van Riper and Ty Brown, junior Lyn Robbins, and seniors Wyatt Wells, Paul Kornman, and, rumor has it, Alex Grimsley. Two returnees from last year's championship team, Van Riper and Robbins, were each named to the Quiz Bowl Outstanding Scholar team. Fellow veteran Wells also turned in an outstanding performance, and Brown and Kornman did commendable jobs in their first quiz bowl appearances.

In addition to third place and the two members of the Outstanding Scholar Team, MBA received the sportsmanship award for best displaying the attitude and decorum expected and appreciated by the Quiz Bowl. All the team members enjoyed themselves, and those underclassmen on the team look forward to a return trip to the Quiz Bowl next year.

27% Tuition Raise

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possibility." When asked if new scholarships were being created to help bright but poor students, the headmaster responded, "We hope that new scholarships will be available, but money raised thus far in the fundraising campaign is paying for construction mainly. Increasing the endowment should help the financial aid program because income from the endowment is used for financial aid."

Bondurant said Harpeth Hall's scheduled tuition increase for 1982-83 did not affect MBA in deciding to raise the tuition. "We do not collaborate at all on tuitions," he remarked. "Our reasons for the raise are to make faculty salaries competitive, to expand the computer programs, and to reduce class size in the junior school."

Asked if a 27% tuition raise would ever again occur, Bondurant announced, "That is certainly not the plan particularly if we get substantial gifts to the endowment."

Comparisons of Tuitions at Some Southern Schools for 1981-82

School	Grade 12
Jacksonville Episcopal	\$3150
Ravenscroft	3150
Baylor	2980*
McCallie	2980
Charlotte Country Day	2940
Westminster	2940
Lovette	2930
Charlotte Latin	2800
Pace Academy	2723
Harpeth Hall	2550
Montgomery Bell Academy	2495
Webb School	\$2480
Memphis University	2217

*Have deducted \$240 from published tuition and fees for a required lunch.

Anne Street Portraits Displayed

By Robert Cooney

An exhibit of the work of the locally renowned portrait artist Ann Street was displayed in the gallery of the Patrick Wilson Library between March 28 to April 8. The exhibit contained portraits done in pencil, charcoal, pastel, and oil on

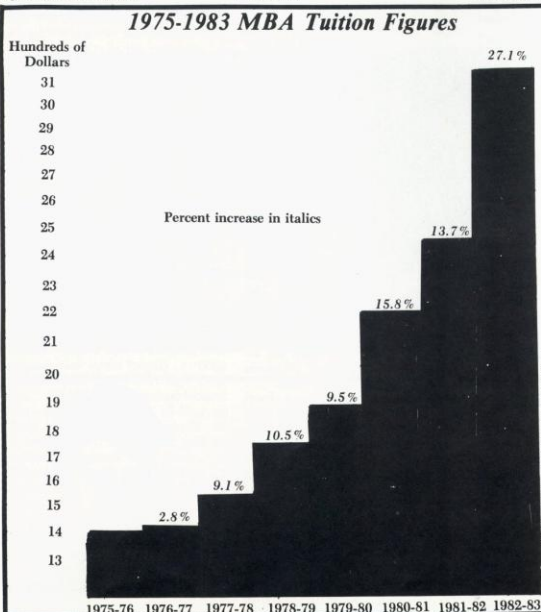
canvas. A respected member of the Nashville community, Street influences a great deal of variety into her works executed with the utmost skill and dexterity.

As a result of her artistic excellence Street has been commissioned to paint the portraits of

many of Nashville's prominent citizens. Many works portrayed MBA parents, students, and friends.

The show included portraits of people of all ages, as well as several group portraits. While most of these were formal and restricted, there were several portraits in which the artist was able to incorporate landscapes. It was in these portraits that Street showed her creative ability.

This show continued the tradition of variety in art exhibits that has been established through this year's shows, a series which concludes with a display of faculty and alumni next month.



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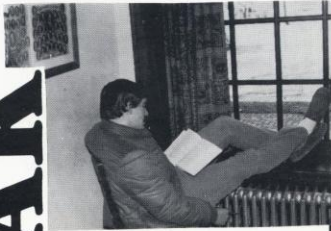
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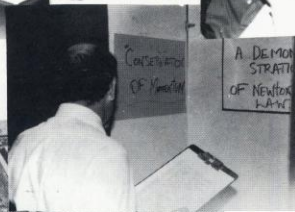
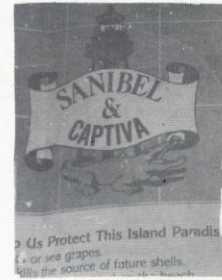
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On April 13, City Limits performed a mixture of country and rock songs and gave a talk on the necessity for religion.

THE MUSIC SCENE

Charlie Daniels Opens Windows

By Tom Wood

The latest offering from the Charlie Daniels Band is *Windows*, an assemblage of songs loosely tied together by nostalgic themes, which tends more toward country than rock.

Windows contains some beautifully composed melodies as an instrumental album it may be CDB's best ever. It also contains some of the band's finest lyrical material. All that keeps it from being a great album is that the best lyrics and the best music are not necessarily matched together. These qualities do, however, coalesce in three songs: "Blowing Along With The Wind" is the mellow, retrospective reminiscence of a flower-child grown old. Unlike the majority of the album's songs, it is not tainted by a country flavor, and it may yet see airplay on stations catering to a middle-aged crowd. "The Universal Hand" is one of several CDB songs written over the years which refute the "unthinking redneck" label. Like the others of its kind, it will not succeed commercially because it lacks an audience. After all, how many Jack Daniel's-crazed southern rock audiences want to hear:

"You can call him Jehovah
or you can call him Allah
or you can call him Jesus
or any other name..."

Lyrics like that are the realm of John Prime, not the CDB, right? Wrong. But those who could appreciate the depth of Prime's lyrics will probably ridicule the CDB,

Because of the Molly-Hatchet stigma of "Southern Rock". "Still n Saigon", written by newcomer Dan Daley, is certainly the best song on the album, lyrically and musically, and the only pure rock-n-roll song on it. It makes a poignant statement in a way that is most pleasing to the ear. But, perhaps it is indicative of our nation's concern about its Vietnam Veterans that the song hasn't caught on as a single. Nobody cares.

Windows also contains its quota of what Tom Crain, guitarist for the band, calls "songs that tell a story." Tom's own "Nashville Moon" does just that, in a more musically harmonious manner than any of his other songs except "Tennessee" (on the *High Lonesome* album). Lyrically, however, it is lacking. Charlie's

"Ragin' Cajun" has a good set of lyrics, but not good enough to rectify its musical shortcomings. And "Partyin' Gal", as well as Taz D. Gregorio's "Lady in Red", sad to say, offer little in either category.

The album represents the culmination of a shift in audience appeal begun with the million-selling *Million-Mile Reflections*, and augmented by *Full Moon*. Daniels, who is 44, seems to be aiming the music at a crowd his age. To the under-25 age group, six of the ten songs are rendered esoteric by their nostalgic lyrics. Since this is the largest group of album-buyers, it is doubtful that Charlie ever entertained any illusions of commercial success. But as a whole, *Windows* says more than any previous CDB album. And isn't that why man makes music—to say something?

Vandy's Rites of Spring

By Mark Oldham

On the weekend of April 2, Vanderbilt University held its annual Rites of Spring Festival. This event, a copy of the popular University of Virginia Festival, took place Friday night and most of Saturday.

Due to rain, the pop concert for Friday was held in the Underwood Auditorium, rather than outside. The turnout Friday was very substantial with an excess of 500 people showing up at the doors. Many people were turned away because of Fire Code regulations. The first band to hit the stage was the local group Jason and the Nashville Scorchers. This band played an hour set of Rockabilly, country, and blues. Although the Scorchers' talent was limited, they made up for the loss with their enthusiasm.

The second band was REM. (Rapid Eye Movement), from Atlanta. REM, recently voted the best new band by New York music critics, displayed the greatest degree of musical competency of all of the bands.

The final group, showing up somewhat late, was Joe Carasco and the Kings from Austin, Texas. The Kings were enjoyable at first

with their amusing synthesizers but quickly became boring as a result of their repetitious string of dance numbers.

The following Saturday was a perfect day for an outdoor concert. The music began at 12:00 on Alumni Lawn. This day's music was all jazz. The concert began with Arthur Blythe, *Rolling Stone* magazine's jazz artist of the year. Blythe played an hour and a half of Fusion jazz influenced by Latin American calypso. The group generally played well but often went into long and complex tracks that seemed to lose the audience. Finishing up the bill was female vocalist Betty Carter. She ended the concert in a more traditional note with a New Orleans style of jazz.

The pleasant weather made it possible for people to sit out on blankets, throw frisbees, and play volleyball. Overall one could call the 1982 Vanderbilt Rites of Spring Festival a success.

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Class News

Junior School...

An enjoyable time was spent by Frace, Easter, and Howard on the school trip to Italy as they ate, drank, and made merry... Many of the seventh and eighth graders from MBA spent an enjoyable time with Harpeth Hall at Ice Centennial on April 3rd. Chris "Crash" Sanders added a reddish tint to a section of the rink... Masten is in the big leagues now... Congratulations Niku Wasudev and Willie Lin on the city math contest, tying for fourth in the city... Ronnie Po, is it live, or is it Memorex?... Way to go microbe tennis team—you really jammed at Baylor.

Freshmen...

Well, spring is here and many of the freshmen are still riding the Big Wave toward summer school. On April 10, the freshmen hosted a "beach party." Many of the young gentlemen met different dates at the party. For example, it looked like Miller was going to beat out the "High Country" in the Black family. Robert had a good time, but it seemed that Robin Henderson was undecided for a long time about his date to the prom. Since he could not take the pressures of Cynthia, it seemed that Robin resorted to drastic measures. Although Robin was in the dumps, Jack Brown was flying high. He had a date to the prom, and was sitting pretty... In other freshman news, it seems that the streets of Nashville have been less crowded since Jim Denton received his license.

Sophomores...

As spring rolls in, the somewhat boring events of sophomores must be reported... O'Neal pulls Sommer out of hot date; Lewis goes home with muddy fender for cold shower... Yes Morrissey, you HAVE to get a date... Scott's loan agency now opens (oops)... Nice pants Fabian, nice shirt Kip "Don Ho" Smith, Nice embezzlement Nowell... Ace turns 16—Heaven help us—watch out roads of Franklin... BOB Van goes to Mexico on pencil loan fund... Nice hair, Garth fails USMC... Lentz and O'Neil join A Chorus Line after capacity crowd and television coverage in Franklin... How's babysitting (cough, cough) Davidson?... Rafo loses to pro WOMAN debater. Come on Tony... Yours truly, Wally and the Beaver.

Juniors...

With the coming of spring, the MBA juniors have once again distinguished themselves by their actions. Here are some of the most colorful endeavors: Andrew (P.I.P.) McAllister loses control on the ski trip... Mike Laws rises to new heights on the college trip... Charlie Collins meets a friendly amigo in Italy... Who was that masked woman, Ross?... Pilot to Ewan, Bombs Away!... Robinson gets a taste of the Orient at presentation... Levy and Duncan find out that playing on public school property can have bad consequences... Bodine has to hide grotesque neck markings from his mother for three successive weekends... And finally, the O.A. is stunned as its founder deserts it for Alison Bush only to discover he would have been better off had he never left the O.A. in the beginning.

Seniors...

SPRING BREAK!!!

Kirk Francis entered the ranks of Shakespeare and Milton this week with the publication of his first book, the soon-to-be-classic *1001 Uses for Coppertone*. Said Francis of the novel: "Few people realize all the uses for Coppertone. It's saved me in many a tight spot"...

On March 14 at 2:00 in Fort Lauderdale MBA's Hale Hooper crashed through the surf in search of his bathing suit... Noted linguist Brad Sitten overheard that night in an elegant seafood restaurant ordering "Growper"

Congrats are in order for our own "Platinum" Perry Patterson, winner of this year's coveted "Chlorox Kid" award for the most bizarre hair. Keep up the good work, Perry... This one just in: Billy Rolfe did not have a beach party in Pompano on the night of March 17 where alcoholic beverages were served... And finally, on the home front, a prominent member of the MBA community lived up to his self-proclaimed "Varsity Demolition" status this week by destroying a small brick wall outside of a certain Editor's residence with his vehicle. Reached for comment, The Destructor, who wished to remain unidentified, said: "The mission was not a complete success because I dented part of my assault transport. I should have used my laser cannon"... 29 MORE DAYS, SENIORS!!!!

Asia's Debut Album

By Rob Doster

Although somewhat disappointing to a hard-core Yes and Emerson, Lake, and Palmer fan like myself, the debut album from the group Asia does have its moments.

The band itself is certainly a talented, star-studded array of individuals. Composed of ex-Yes members Steve Howe and Geoff Downes, former ELP drummer Carl Palmer, and ex-UK bassist John Wetton, the group is certainly not lacking in musical talent.

However, many of the songs seem to be attempts to gain the band some radio airplay, especially the album's first few cuts. One of the highlights occurs in the last song on the first side, "Time Again."

Steve Howe's guitar is well played as in the past, and all the instruments seem to come together to show the band's potential. Carl Palmer provides some fairly strong drumming throughout, and his drums come to the forefront on "Wildest Dreams." John Wetton provides strong vocals, but his bass, while effective on some cuts, seems to be lacking in others. All in all, the group does show some potential, and it is easy to see how their music could appeal to a wider market of listeners than some of the band's predecessors.

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On March 18, several members of the junior class visited Washington and Lee, an all-male liberal arts college in Lexington, Virginia.

MBA Juniors Scrutinize Southern Colleges

By Mack Brothers

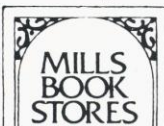
Is the sun up? NO. Are we up? Yes. Why? Because we are on the college trip. Upon leaving MBA on the dreary Monday, the 15th of March, John Hobden christened the bathroom while John Weisger played "Low Rider," which we heard every morning upon starting out. Dr. Crowell and Mr. Drake immediately set up the rules for the trip. Rule number 1: Don't wake us up. Rule number 2: You can do anything else.

All on Monday we saw the slow-paced life at Sewanee (where we received our guardian angel) the advisor room at Georgia Tech, and the girls at Emory Tuesday brought about the infamous gin game, which lasted the entire trip, between "Marvelous" Mack and "Witless" Wade. Tuesday we saw Furman in the morning, and the hard eccentricities of Davidson. We found out that a wrestling mat gives better night time support than a Sealy posture-pedic. On Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, John Hobden broke out the green. We visited Anderson Spickard, an MBA alumnus, at U.N.C. and then proceeded to Duke, where we met up with the Harpheth Hall College trip. That evening we stayed at

Hampden-Sydney. *That's Right!* H-A-M-P-D-E-N-S-Y-D-N-E-Y, a small college near Farmville, Va. The most exciting events of the night were the water polo game, the rude awakening of some MBA students by the mysterious singing of the Hampden-Sydney fight-song and alma mater from the football field and by the sudden collapse of a person in a trunk, the inability of Brooks to operate the ice cream machine, and the fantastic skill of Jimmy Brown's losing \$138.00 to Dr. Crowell in a poker game.

Everyone woke up bright-eyed and full of vigor on Thursday morning, after the restful night before. After breakfast, we set off to see Mr. Drake's pride, The University of Virginia, where he explained to us the hilarity of our aspiring to go there. Next stop, V.M.I. Robert Brandau decided he would love the sado-machistic experience of being a rat. From there, we proceeded to Washington and Lee, which, I think, is just a big MBA. After seeing how W&L's students exemplify "involved citizens," we headed for the first beds of the trip for some of us. The night proved to be a restless one as strange noises protruded from some of the rooms. On our last day, we visited Virginia Tech. Then, we all packed up, and many hours later, after John had visited the bathroom six more times, Wade overran Mack 493 to 302 on gin, and we heard "Low Rider" by War one more time, we arrived at MBA after a delightful and invigorating seven straight hours of seeing a Greyhound bus. Note: There were people in the front of the bus but they actually came to see colleges. WOW! That is innocence in its pure form!

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MBA Students Tour Italy

By Greg Moore

On Friday, March 12 our group of 22 arrived at the Nashville Airport for the first leg of our journey to Italy. The group consisted of Steve Stevens, Jesse Moore, Tommy Duncan, Charlie Collins, Bert Chaffin, Lon Whiteaker, Kent Rollins, Ewan Leslie, Grey Petznick, John Bauman, Kort Classen, Dake Clark, Josh Easter, Sam Howard, Jeff Frace, Dr. Gaffney, Mr. Womack, Mrs. Liles, Mrs. Boyd, Mr. Tom Murphy, Miss Cynthia Stow, and myself. We all gathered at the airport and noon; and after checking in and saying goodbye to our families and friends, we boarded an American Airlines jet for New York City. We arrived at LaGuardia Airport at 3:50 P.M. (EST) and set out to catch a bus for Kennedy Airport. This seemingly simple step turned out to be quite a chore. After seeing two full shuttles go by, we decided to take cabs. We caught the cabs and arrived at Kennedy about 45 minutes later without incident, except that Mr. Womack's driver was arrested for soliciting. We were then checked in and boarded an Alitalia 747 on which we took off for Milan at 8:00 P.M. (EST). We touched down in Milan at 8:55 A.M. (IT) (1:55 A.M. CST). Upon arriving, we went through passport control and met our courier Franco and our driver Antonio who spoke only Italian, French, and Spanish. From Milan we took the Highway of the Sun south to Florence. We settled into our rooms about 2:45 P.M. and everyone split up to familiarize themselves with the city. Later, most of us met Dr. Gaffney and Mr. Womack who took us to the famous Ponto Vecchio, a bridge with many small jewelry and crystal shops. We shopped and looked around for a while and then returned to the hotel. We then ate our first Italian meal which consisted of pasta as an appetizer, pork chops and mashed potatoes. The dessert was a small piece of cake which was delicious. We had a variety of drinks ranging from hot coke to Fanta to the worst beer anyone had ever had the misfortune of drinking. Following dinner, we all went different ways and explored the city until as late as 3:30 A.M.

On Sunday we got up by 8:00 A.M. and set off on a walking tour of Florence with a native Florentine named Marco. We first went to an art gallery containing Michelangelo's sculpture of David. This is a beautiful sculpture which took Michelangelo two years of constant work to complete. Next we saw some magnificent paintings by Leonardo Da Vinci and Raphael which were truly beautiful. From there, we walked to the Baptistery of St. John and saw the marvelous ceiling which was a mosaic completed only after 46 years of work. Directly next to the Baptistery was the Cathedral of Florence. The dome of the cathedral was the first completed

We awoke early on Monday and set out for Rome on the Highway of the Sun. By 3:00 P.M. we were in Rome and situated in our hotel. The afternoon and evening were free and we browsed around the city and did some shopping while noticing the graffiti everywhere.

On Tuesday we awoke and ate our usual breakfast of stale rolls, peach preserves, and weak tea or coffee. At 9:00 we boarded the bus for a tour of the city with a local guide. We first stopped and entered the church where Michelangelo's sculpture of Moses is. The sculpture was truly fascinating as it portrayed perfectly every aspect of the human body. This church also contained the legendary chains of St. Peter. We then observed briefly the Colosseum and the ruins of the Roman Forum on our way to the Pantheon, which is a magnificent example of symmetry. Here we saw the tomb of a great painter who died very young. From here, we went to St. Peter's Basilica which was incredible. It is 140 feet high in the dome, and the entire ceiling is 24 karat gold. We saw Michelangelo's *Pieta* which was behind glass because of damage done to it in 1972 by a crazed man with a sledgehammer. We proceeded up the main aisle observing the markers of the length of other churches around the world. The closest was St. Paul's in London which was 90 feet shorter. At the head of the main aisle were Bernini's famous columns which compose the main altar. Every painting is a glass mosaic done with such precision that it is impossible to distinguish it from an oil painting. After returning to the hotel, we set out by subway for Ortia, the port of Rome which was inhabited from 400 B.C. to 500 A.D. We walked around and observed the ruins of an amphitheater, baths, houses, temples, and shops. This ancient town was truly wonderful and one of the most enjoyable parts of the trip. We then returned to the hotel, ate, and had the evening free.

On Wednesday we left very early for a drive to Pompeii and later Capri. We took the Highway of the Sun along a chain of mountains culminated by Mount Vesuvius, the volcano which erupted and buried Pompeii. We also passed Monte Cassino, a famous mountain abbey which played an important part in World War II. We finally arrived at Pompeii around 1:00 P.M. There, we met our guide named Pasquali who showed us the ruins. We saw some houses which had been restored as well as the house of a merchant which contained some rather immoral pictures and sculptures of the god of fertility. Pasquali then showed us where the sewer system had run and explained how it worked. We with a system of pulleys upon which the builder virtually lived for 15 straight years. Then saw the remains of two people

preserved by the lava, as well as a temple to Apollo. This ended our tour and we boarded the bus for the Bay of Naples where we caught a ferry for the Isle of Capri. We arrived at Capri and boarded a cable car which climbed a 50° incline and took us to the top of the island.

This was everyone's favorite stop on the trip as the sunshine on the clean blue water was absolutely beautiful.

On Thursday we set out at 9:15 A.M. in the pouring rain for St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican museum where the Sistine Chapel is located. We arrived at the museum and observed paintings and huge tapestries before coming upon two rooms which were painted, walls and ceiling, by Raphael. By this time Mr. Womack was very anxious as we were approaching the Sistine Chapel. The Chapel was absolutely magnificent with the beautiful ceiling, the bronze doors which come into it, and especially the walls which were completely covered with paintings done by Michelangelo. One, the story of Christ giving Peter the keys to the kingdom, was covered for restoration purposes. The front wall was painted by Michelangelo 30 years after the ceiling and tells of the judgment.

On Friday we left Rome around 8:00 for Venice and a stop at Assisi on the way. Again, we took the Highway of the Sun, and we arrived in Assisi at 11:00 A.M. We then took a tour of the Church of St. Francis, guided by a Franciscan monk. There was an upper church and a lower church. The lower church contained frescoes by Giotto on the walls and ceiling as well as the entrance to the tomb of St. Francis. We then climbed the steps to the upper church, the walls of which were covered by Giotto's frescoes depicting the life of St. Francis. In addition, there were 14th century pews with scenes carved in them. At this point, we left and ate. Then we boarded the bus again for Venice where we arrived at 7:30 P.M., going very slowly because the bus had dropped four valves. We ate, admired the canals and gondolas, and retired for the night.

On Saturday, we arose at 9:00 A.M. and ate. We then had the morning free. Everybody took either gondolas, small motorized boats or just walked to get around the city. Some went to San Marco Square. It was huge and surrounded by glass, leather, and jewelry shops, with souvenir carts and pigeons everywhere. We proceeded to the glass factory where we saw a glass blowing demonstration and then the completed gold covered vases and animals. Everybody met back at the hotel at 2:00 P.M. and we left on our final long drive to Milan. On the way, we stopped at Lake Garda where the Villa Germinio, immortalized by Catullus and Tennyson, is located. We stayed here for about 20 minutes and then set out again for Milan, where we arrived at 6:45 P.M. We ate and the evening was free.

On Sunday, we packed our bags and headed for the airport at 9:00. There we checked in and said "Ciou" to Franco and Antonio for the last time before going through passport control. We then climbed aboard the Alitalia 747 and departed for Nashville via New York at 12:36 P.M.

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Junior High Golf

By Jimmy Brown

This Junior High Golf team, composed almost entirely of freshmen, has performed well throughout the season. Behind the play of Pat Parker, Roger Boyers, Bill Bainbridge, and Hal Andrews, the team has competed strongly in each match.

Pat Parker and Roger Boyers have provided the team with the most consistent play and will help the Varsity team in upcoming years. In the FRA match, the two golfers both shot excellent scores to help the team post a 7-0 win.

The B team has also played well. Head Coach John Saclarides believes that little distance separates the B team from the A team. Jimmy Armistead and Lee Vaughn, the team's only seventh graders, look the most promising. The team finishes its season by competing in the Junior High City Tournament next week.

Freshman Track

By Runcie Clements

The Freshman Track team compiled a 5-1 dual meet record this year. The victories came over Lipscomb twice, Northside, Overton, and Hillwood. The only loss was to Apollo in a battle for first place in a three team meet. However, the win over Overton stands out as an accomplishment for the freshman team because it was their first victory over Overton in several years, and the margin of victory was substantial at 14

Microbe Baseball

By David Edwards

Coach Caldwell is optimistic about the 1982 Microbe Baseball season. Facing a ten-game schedule this year will be a team led by the experience of nine returning lettermen, five of whom have pitching experience. Among the eighth-grade pitchers are Chip Frederick, Takis Patikas, Keith Paisley, John Jenkins, and Nick Sieveking. Coach Caldwell says to look out for big sticks wielded by Chip Frederick, Takis Patikas, and catcher Jay Owen. Leading the infield should be Keith Paisley at second and Mike Blade at shortstop. Brad Fuson and Robert Harris round out the list of returning lettermen to complement the new field of seventh graders.

In the opening game against Franklin Junior High, the microbes crushed their opponent 12-2. In addition to Jay Owen's home run, Takis Patikas, Keith Paisley, and Robert Harris added two hits each. Pitcher Nick Sieveking performed well, yielding only four hits and three walks. If experience is a key ingredient for a winning season, the Microbes have "got what it takes."

Microbe Track

By Rob Bomar

The microbe track team is looking forward to a promising season after a fine 2nd place finish in the HVAC last year. Coach Gaither looks for fine performances from Paul Soper in the pole vault and 140, Jay Schmitt in the high jump and Rob Page in the shot put. Before the HVAC relays on April 26-27, Coach Gaither expects great improvement from other potential stars who will round out a solid team.

Kornman Satirizes MBA Soccer Team

By Paul G. Kornman

A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust, and a hearty "That's Dead, Troops!" The Math Rider of the plains led the fight for law and order in the days of the early West. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear . . .

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The setting for this tale of derring-do and bravado is the small mining town of Montgomery Bell Flats in Owen County located West of the Mississippi, East of the Rockies, South of the Yukon, and North by Northwest. The time is the late 19th Century, probably very near, yet not quite, 1882. It is a town committed to excellence as typified by the Sheriff, ol' burly-headed John Lanier. (Note: In this particular story, the names are kept the same, in order to not completely confuse and befuddle the reader. (Additional note: I know that I just used a split infinitive; I

always wanted one printed that way.)) Sheriff Lanier has dedicated his life to bring bad guys to justice, help the innocent, and right all wrongs and triangles. Assisting this great man is the efficient, totally trustworthy and dependable Deputy Paul G. Kornman. (The "G" is for Generous, too.) Indeed these paragons, not to mention polygons, of law and order were Gentlemen, Scholars, and Concerned Citizens. (The Athlete part, Mr. Brothers, comes later on in this wonderful tale.) Even all the townfolk were honest, hardworking people that are usually associated with a Western town. (I.e. they don't wear black hats.) These here townfolk are listed alphabetically with a short description of their occupations or other idiosyncrasies.

Frank Andrews . . . rich cattleman, lives at the Beersheba Ranch and is known to wear flashy clothes. Ross Ballenger . . . farmhand at the Beersheba Ranch; big and strong; always carries a spare gun. Frank Bennett . . . also a farmhand at the Beersheba Ranch; tall and quiet, indicative of a good Western.

Sam Chang . . . owns the local laundry (Another note: I have been given permission by Mr. Chang to use this rather obvious racial joke.) Jeff Edwards . . . Grizzled, old prospector, still lookin' for to strike it rich in the sparse hills of Crowell Pass.

Davidson French . . . Bartender at the saloon, occasionally sweeps up after closing.

Chris Guzikowski . . . Immigrant from the old country, owns and runs the General Store; reminds one of a short Sam Drucker.

Currey Hall . . . co-owner of the saloon, the Gator-Ad, so named because of the I-Zod Brothers were killed there. Mr. Hall was once a gambler who still doesn't mind relieving a weary traveler of his excess money.

Todd Helm . . . owns the Hotel and Candy Bar Concession in town.

John Hitt . . . Medicine Man; will try to sell anything to anybody. He is known for his sardonic wit and his ability to get thirsty faster than anyone else.

Mike Hughes . . . Kindly town doctor who knows how to use a gun; has little regard for his personal appearance and is known to have too much spirit at times.

Ron Hutchison . . . Indian Scout, abandoned as a baby and brought up by the Indians. He knows all the tricks and is helpful in tracking down bad guys and touching his toes.

The Jones Brothers . . . Ian, the older, is the Pony Express rider (he yam what he yam); fast and an excellent shooter. Stephen, the younger, wants to grow up and be just like his big brother so one day, he, too, can walk funny. Right now, he just takes care of the horses.

Cooper Lilly . . . the town Undertaker. The strange thing about him

is that he doesn't wear the traditional black suit associated with his profession. Instead, he chooses to wear designer Mourning Apparel. Andrew Schenker . . . the often taciturn school teacher at the Home for Unwed Fathers. Elliot Sloan . . . the banker in town who holds the mortgage on Beersheba Ranch and most of the rest of the town.

Steve Stevens . . . the Bible-thumping preacher who constantly speaks on everlasting purgatory (i.e. Demerit Hall). Actually, he is an undercover agent for the F.C.A. Trip Townsend . . . the other owner of the Gator-Ad. Not extremely intelligent; thinks a bandana is worn on the forehead.

Allan Wheatcraft . . . the fastest telegrapher in the West.

Walt Zibas . . . The Mayor of the town.

On with the story! It seems that at the military academy for the Calvary, located a short distance down the trail (i.e. over yonder), a group of insurgents had gathered and were holding some small children hostage. They wanted their pals at the Franklin Road Academy that had been arrested to be freed. Well, since the Calvary was off fighting Indians and such, Sheriff Lanier and his posse of townsmen were gathered up and off they went to get those little'un back safe and sound. The day was cold and windy, but the good guys caught up to these trouble-makers right outside the 100 Oaks Wood. (Not to be confused with the 100 Acre Wood belonging to Winnie the Pooh and Company). After a quick fight, Sheriff Lanier, aided especially by the firepower of Ian Jones, surrounded the outlaws and recovered 4 of the children but lost 1. That was okay 'cause nobody liked the brat anyway. Thus, Sheriff Lanier won his first battle as the new Sheriff. Confidentially, he knew those other guys were very bright. They didn't even know that the egg came before the chicken.

Even another note: If this story makes no sense to the reader, he is advised to contact the Bureau of Poetic Licenses, Jim Poston, Director, or to read the accompanying article.

The following week, everything looked real swell because that Old-timey prospector Jeff Edwards had finally discovered a gold strike in the bowels of Wallace Mountain. Soon, the entire town had gathered a few barrels of gold dust and nuggets. However, a mean group of desperadoes came riding into town the next day and they wanted to take over the town. At High Noon, this evil and motley crew met Sheriff Lanier and the good guys out at the Affirmative Corral. These bad guys were after the gold, and all they got was a lot of lead, amply supplied from the Gunsmoke of "Dead-Eye" Wheatcraft and Mayor Zibas. The bad guys got 0 barrels of the precious commodity, and the good

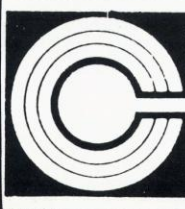
guys retained full custody of all 5 barrels of gold. Even though, yet further still, another note: That word is not misspelled, please remember the point of this yarn. (Have Fun, Will Travel.)

Then, tragedy almost struck. A few of the elderly town members were tired of all this dangerous living and wanted to spend a few restful weeks in a warmer, safer location. Luckily, all the beaches were crowded and they returned. Without them the entire town could have been taken over by the forces of crime and/or evil. All these men returned, and Sheriff Lanier welcomed them back in his own inimitable style.

And a good thing, too. For no sooner did these men return than another gunfight seemed imminent. Unfortunately, Dr. Hughes examined them on their return and they all had contracted a virulent strain of Spring Fever, and they had to stay at home for at least four weeks, or maybe two. Nevertheless, a group of big, aggressive cattle rustlers had started emptying the Beersheba Ranch of all its cows around and near Franklin Field. Sheriff Lanier quickly gathered the good guys and they arrived there posthaste. These cattle rustlers had once been in a military academy during the war, also. They were stationed at Battle Ground Academy located outside East Podunk. This land was especially suitable for grazing, for the ground was too hard for cultivation. However, these ill-trained, former soldiers were no match for Sheriff Lanier and the posse led by Ian Jones and Allan Wheatcraft. The Sheriff recovered all 5 herds of cattle stolen, and the bad guys got 0.

The next exciting event was the most dangerous so far. A bunch of Indians of the tribe of Laos came out of the HILLS on their BUREAU to raid the town and massacre all the white men who had stolen their land and burned their crops. Apparently, these Indians were not very good hunters for this was not the right town. Since the Indians were already there and had practiced their war yell so much, they decided to attack the town anyway. They rode in and destroyed 2 of the towns favorite landmarks. They overturned the new train depot just recently painted orange until it looked like a pile of wreckage. Also, the giant rock at the edge of town that the founder, Montgomery Bell stubbed his toe on once was reduced to rubble (no, not Barney). The good guys retaliated, and even though Ian Jones was injured in the skirmish, the good guys got 3 of those Indians and saved the town from destruction.

Thus ends this titanic tale of a small western town. In case your wondering, the rest of the story is not printed here because the good guys aren't supposed to lose or even tie, so we didn't mention it.



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Ian Jones, who last Friday was named to the Adidas Soccer All-American team, approaches midfield in the 1-0 victory over Franklin on April 20.

Soccer Looks to State

By Chris Guzikowski

The Big Red Soccer team has posted a 5-1-1 record thus far in defense of its 1981 state championship. The potent offense has been led by senior standout Ian Jones and Junior Allan Wheatcraft. Junior halfbacks Walt Zibas and Andrew Schenker have controlled the midfield this season while goalkeepers Tripp Townsend and Curry Hall have played well.

The season opened on March 5 as the Big Red soundly defeated Franklin Road Academy 4-1. Ian Jones put on an offensive clinic by scoring all four goals. On March 9, the Big Red returned home and defeated University School 3-0. Allan Wheatcraft scored two goals, and Walt Zibas added the third.

After spring break, MBA traveled to Franklin and whipped BGA 5-0 behind four goals from Jones. On March 30, MBA handled

Hillsboro 3-2 as Walt Zibas scored two goals. Sweeper-back Davidson French played well in defense.

On April 3, the Big Red faced a highly touted Overton squad at the Bobcat field. MBA held leads of 1-0 and 2-1 but could not put the Bobcats away as the game ended in a 2-2 tie. Andrew Schenker played well in marking Overton star Andrew Jacquemetton. On April 6, MBA suffered its first loss at the hands of a physical Father Fyan squad, 1-0. After an Irish goal in the second half, MBA failed to muster any offense and Ryan held on to win.

Five days later, MBA outscored Baylor 5-3 behind four goals from Ian Jones and one from Andrew Schenker.

MBA faces a strong Hendersonville team today and all support would be appreciated.

Golfers

By George Buono

The MBAGolf team made a good start to their 1982 season with a first place finish in the very prestigious Chattanooga Coca-Cola Prep Classic. The tourney posted a very strong field with 22 of the best teams in Tennessee. Junior Tommy Duncan led the team with 3 over par 73 which captured third place individually. Senior David Williamson shot 74 which was good enough to place him tied for fourth place.

Highlights of the year were Jimmy Brown's 33 on the McCabe

Baseball Team Struggles

By Chris Guzikowski

The inexperienced Varsity Baseball team struggled through the first half of their season with a 3-7 record (1-7 in the district). The team has been plagued by inconsistent hitting and poor defense.

MBA opened its season by sweeping a doubleheader over Clarksville Northeast by scores of 6-5 and 5-4. On March 24, the Big Red dropped its district opener to Glenclyff by a score of 6-2. The team then dropped games to Antioch and preseason District 11 favorite Overton, and lost a heart-breaker to arch-rival Father Ryan 4-3. MBA later fell to Hillsboro and Pearl. Against Glenclyff, the Big Red lost a slugfest, 13-9. Clay Young and Will Nowell homered against the Colts.

The team closed on the first half on a winning note, defeating Hillsboro 5-0 on April 13. David McIlwain shut out the Burros on two hits.

slow start as it heads into district tournament action this afternoon.



Bobby Morales rounds the bases in the loss to Father Ryan on April 19.

Mark Elliott to Coach Basketball

By Tom Wood

"Mark Elliott... 6'1" ... 179 ... 'Coach on the floor' type who provides strong leadership ... Relies on his mental quickness ... His last-second shot as a sophomore sunk Tennessee 56-55 ... Lettered three years in baseball and basketball at Kingsport's Dobyns-Bennett High School ... Starting center-fielder on Vandy baseball team

Etcetera, etcetera. Vanderbilt basketball fans will not soon forget the hustling guard from Kingsport who exerted a steady, quiet leadership on the team from 1976 to 1980. It is with this leadership quality in mind that MBA has chosen Mark Elliott to rejuvenate the school's sagging roundball fortunes.

The new Varsity Basketball coach recently commented to *The Bell Ringer* about his plans for the 1982-83 season. He emphasized that MBA's style of play must be cautious and somewhat deliberate, since the team must outsmart consistently more talented opponents in order to win. "But," he said, "we'll certainly run-and-gun when

the opportunity presents itself. We'll play as fast as we possibly can without making mistakes."

Coach Elliott said that one of the key factors in making the team competitive with its tough District II-AAA opponents will be to "make this team believe that it can win," the new coach believes that the team should spend as much time as possible together on the court, in order to develop cohesiveness. "I think in some cases that the NIL looks at MBA as a pushover to win. But other times they think 'Oh gosh, I don't want to go in and play them, because they're a smart, controlled team.' So if we can get other teams to think 'I hate to go in that gym because they play so smart.' — That's what we're trying to do."

The *Bell Ringer* also queried Coach Elliott about his other anticipated responsibilities on campus. His exact teaching duties are not yet resolved. Since he played two years of minor-league baseball in the New York Mets' organization, however, it seems likely that Coach Elliott may help out coaching baseball. He expressed an eagerness to become involved in



Former Vandy standout Mark Elliott, MBA's new Varsity Basketball coach.

any other sports as well.

"If it sounds like I'm rambling a bit, it's because I've never coached before," said the new coach. "I can't say exactly how we'll set it up yet—I'll have to do a lot of thinking over the summer."

Tennis

By Danny DeBlanc

Under Coach Poston, the Varsity Tennis team has gotten off to an impressive start and had compiled a 8-1 record going into the Brentwood match.

After winning the season opener against Overton by a score of 5-4, the squad went on mercilessly to romp York Institute 9-0. However, the following week against Chattanooga Baylor proved not to be so

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successful. Without number three player John Gallaher, who was injured, the Big Red suffered a 9-0 defeat. Fortunately, the team bounced back from this disappointing match to win its next five matches with three shut-outs. Against Riverdale, MBA inflicted an 8-1 defeat. The next week, the Big Red played well and trounced Chattanooga rival McCallie 9-0. Then, on April 6 and 7, they defeated Beech 9-0 and USN 6-1 in the first district match of the season. On April 9, the Big Red highlighted its season by defeating Cathedral Prep, the 1980 Pennsylvania State Champion, in a 9-0 decision. Following this impressive showing, the team proceeded to shut-out its next three opponents including Hillsboro, Putnam County, and McCallie.

The tennis team then defeated McCallie 9-0 in Chattanooga and

placed third in the Rotary Tournament held at Chattanooga's Manquer Patten Tennis Center. John Gallaher and Danny DeBlanc were runners-up in their divisions. The following weekend of April 23-24, MBA hosted the Francis E. Carter, Jr. Memorial Tennis Tournament. The field for this tournament was unusually strong with the following teams: USN, Overton, Ryan, Warren County, Brentwood, Knoxville Webb, and defending champion MUS.

As the season has progressed, the team has improved. With the return of John Gallaher, the starting six include Danny DeBlanc, Jamie Houdeshell, John Gallaher, Fletcher Lance, David Miller, and Andrew Berry. With steady improvement, Coach Poston believes that the Big Red will perform well in the District 24 Championship on Monday.

Track Season Disappointing

By Mark Atkinson

and Martin Brown

Coached by Michael Drake and Robert Pruitt, the Varsity Track team has compiled a 1-3 dual meet record and has claimed some strong individual performances in the large meets. The track team consists mainly of juniors and includes only four seniors.

In the March tenth season-opener, Hillsboro, the third place team in the 1981 State Championship, demolished MBA 107-30.

On April 3, MBA participated in the Western Kentucky Relays. MBA's pole vault relay team, which consisted of Steve Shankle, Brooks Corzine, and Kent Rollins, set a school record of 32'6" while propelling the team to a twentieth place finish in the field of forty-five teams.

MBA then was destroyed by Overton 119-18. When asked about the meet, Coach Drake said, "They were *that* much better. If there was a dual meet state championship, Overton would probably win it." He pointed out that Overton and Hillsboro finished second and third in the Western Kentucky Relays.

Travelling to McCallie on April 10, MBA placed sixth out of eight teams in the Toronado Classic, which was limited to prep schools from Georgia and Tennessee. Brooks Corzine and Mark Robinson placed in both the intermediate and high hurdles. In addition, Corzine scored points in five of the six events in which he participated.

The following week, MBA topped Franklin by the score of 75-54 and fell to Hillwood 93-44 to close the dual meet season. Last weekend, the track team participated in the Optimist Relays. This week, MBA competed in the qualifying rounds of the Banner Relays at McGavock.

Anticipating MBA's performance

ance in the Banner Relays finals tonight, Coach Pruitt praised the team's best competitors. "There have been pleasant surprises from Mark Robinson in the hurdles and David Wood in the distance runs." Pleased by all of the pole vaulters, Pruitt singled out Steve Shankle as the Big Red's most consistent vaulter. Asked if the runners were fulfilling his expectations, Coach Pruitt stated, "Our distance relay teams have been a disappointment so far."

Next week, MBA competes in the Regional Championship meet at McGavock. The track team should end its season with several team members posting outstanding individual performances if they compete according to their potential.

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